

Auction of rain barrels makes splash in Hampton

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May 1 — To the Editor:

On behalf of the Hampton Conservation Commission, I want to thank all those who participated in the Painted Rain Barrel Auction on April 28.

There was some spirited bidding, and all six of the colorful rain barrels were sold. The Skyjuice rain barrels were donated by Aquarion Water Co., the paint was donated by Wicked Awesome Paint & Wallpaper, and the painted rain barrels were sprayed with a protective clear coat by Wayne's Auto Body. We are grateful for all of their contributions.

We congratulate Dona Boardman and her seventh-grade artists at Hampton Academy for their creative design and wonderful painting of each rain barrel. Each one will delight its lucky new owner. The proceeds of the auction will help start to rebuild the Conservation Commission's depleted Land Acquisition Fund.

Rain barrels collect roof run-off so it can be used for watering lawns and gardens. They also help minimize storm water run-off that can pollute ponds and streams. Unpainted 55-gallon rain barrels are still for sale to residents of Hampton and surrounding towns. Those interested in purchasing a rain barrel should call the Hampton Conservation Commission at (603) 929-5808, or Aquarion Water Co. at (603) 926-3119.

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